

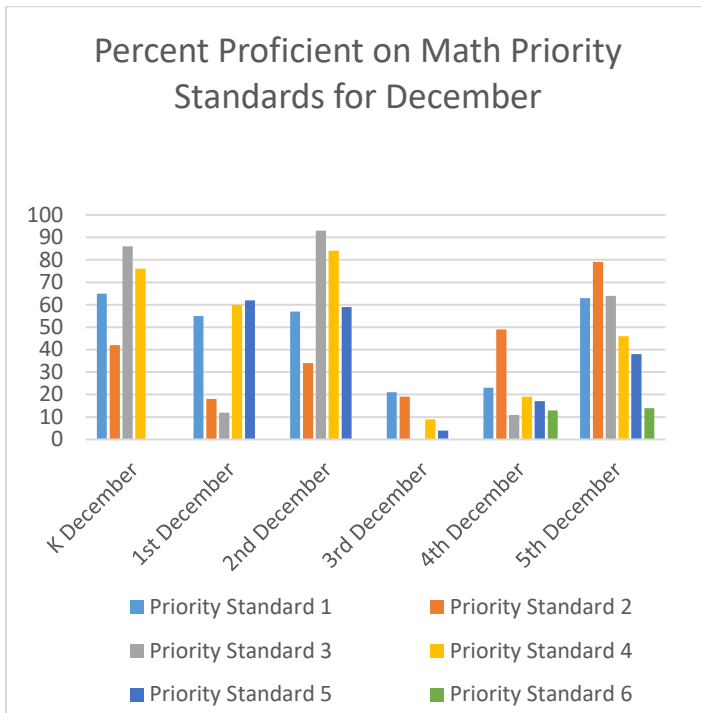
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Math Matters

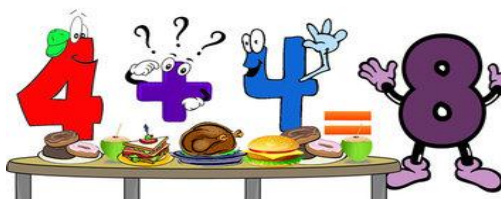
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There are many common core math standards for each grade. Teachers and district personnel pick 5 or 6 important standards. At Arthur, we work hard to meet the priority standards by the end of the year.

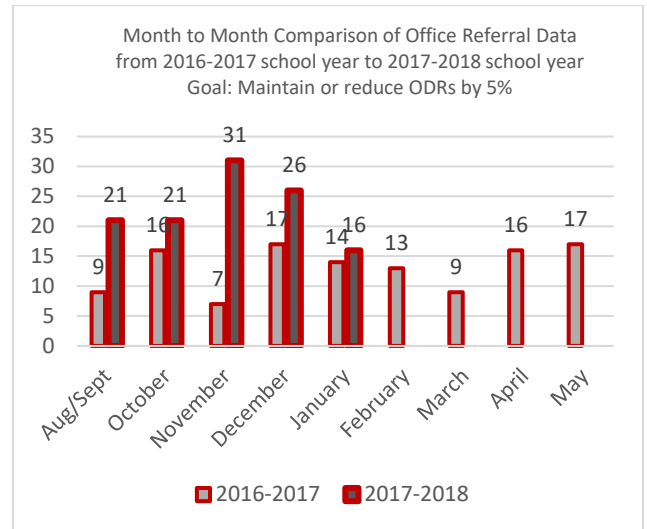
We learn them from games, lessons, conversations, and collaborations. The teachers collect data to help decide what to teach. The graph above is our school's current data as of December. You can stop in the hallway in the main building to see growth made and the standards language.

Why didn't the two 4's feel like dinner?
Because they already 8.



PBIS Points

Written by Ellena Johnson and Vivian Tarvestad



For the month of January, we focused on reviewing procedures in all the common areas: hallway, restrooms, playground and cafeteria. Students are expected to do their PARRT in all common areas, including their classrooms. For all who don't know, PARRT stands for Personal Best, Active Listening, Respect, Responsibility, and Trustworthiness. When students do their PARRT, they may receive a ticket as a reward. Each classroom has a bucket that they fill up with tickets. Once that bucket is full, that classroom earns a celebration of their choice. The tickets from the classrooms' buckets go into a school-wide fish tank full of tickets. Once that is full, the whole school earns a celebration. All students want to be on their best behavior to earn celebrations for their classrooms and the whole school.

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In other news....

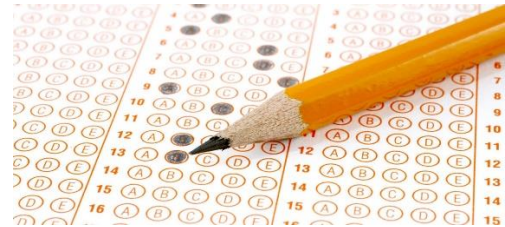
IOWA ASSESSMENTS are coming up!

READING RUNDOWN

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In reading, the 3rd through 5th graders are focusing on comprehension. The comprehension skills we are working on are Determining Importance, Visualizing, Questioning, Inferencing, and Synthesizing.

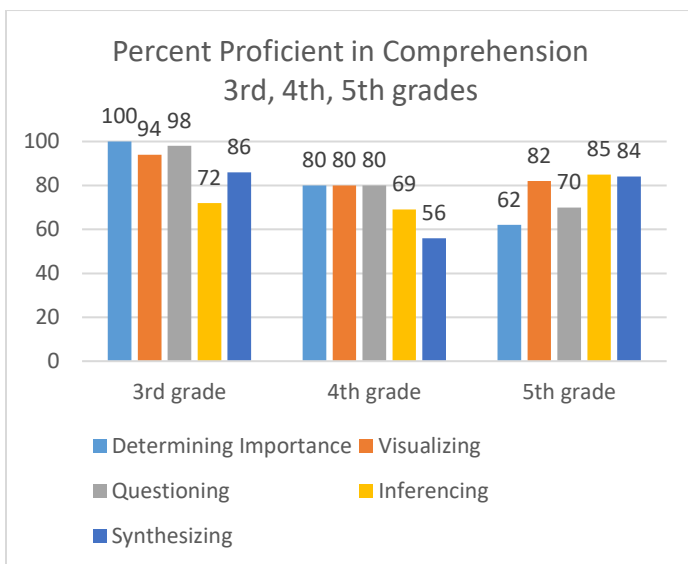
Students are working in big and small groups. Sometimes, in 5th grade we read stories from our reading book as a class and then we try to determine the meaning or theme of the story. We like working with a partner to discuss the theme or meaning of the story. Teachers use the information from the assessment data to determine what to reteach. If you want to see growth from the beginning of the year, visit the main hallway in Big Arthur.



The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be taking the Iowa Assessments during the week of **April 2nd-6th**.

Here are some tips to get your students prepared:

1. Get a good night's sleep! A tired brain and a tired body do not work well. A student in elementary school should get between 10-11 hours of sleep a night.
2. Eat Breakfast! You can't concentrate if your stomach is making roaring noises. Research shows that eating breakfast improves academic success.
3. Be Here! Schedule appointments for other days/weeks.
4. Relax! It's okay to be a little nervous. Take several slow deep breaths.
5. Dress comfortably!



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